

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (*IA-01*) released the following statement following President Obama's speech on the conflict in Libya:

"I'm concerned, and I know many Americans are concerned, that tonight we didn't get a clear and accurate accounting from the President on how much this conflict in Libya is going to cost American taxpayers. We've got two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – and Americans deserve to hear from our President what this third conflict is going to cost us. I look forward to meeting with Secretary Gates and Secretary Clinton later this week and hearing their explanation of the costs of this operation and their strategy for moving forward in Libya."

Last week Rep. Braley sent a letter to President Obama asking for a full accounting of the Libyan conflict and the costs to taxpayers. Speaker Boehner sent a similar letter to the President. Rep. Braley has previously called for a full accounting of the human and financial costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A copy of Rep. Braley's letter is available here: <http://go.usa.gov/2K2>